



ACE MENTOR PROGRAM
ARCHITECTURE ▪ CONSTRUCTION ▪ ENGINEERING

Year 12: April Newsletter

Final Presentation



Congratulations to this years ACE Students

36 Students | 15 Schools | 20 Mentors
All Virtual Sessions

The ACE of Maine Mentoring Program continues to grow despite the challenges of the pandemic. In addition to our academic sessions, our curriculum committee went above and beyond and organized additional programming for the students. This year, we had our first College and Career Week, bringing in a variety of speakers across the state to share their experience and expertise. The ACE of Maine Final Presentation went virtual on

March 31st and the students prepared videos that were thoughtful, impressive, and well presented. This year could not have been possible without our generous donors and tireless volunteers to help grow the next generation of professionals.

Congratulations Scholarship Winners

Jared Conant
Katherine Gross
Amanda Palma

Lilliana Frantz
Joel Habiyakare

Congratulations the Class of 2021

Gloria Anzures
Zander Foster
Joel Habiyakare

Joseph DiFiore
Lilliana Frantz
Amanda Palma

Thank you to our Participating Schools

Baxter Academy
Brunswick High School
Casco Bay High School
Edward Little High School
Gorham High School
Portland High School
South Portland High School
Waynflete School

Bonny Eagle High School
Cape Elizabeth High School
Deering High School
Freeport High School
Greely High School
Scarborough High School
Yarmouth High School

Sponsor Opportunities

ACE of Maine Welcomes AIA Maine as a Silver Level Sponsor



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Help support ACE Mentor of Maine with new Sponsor opportunities.

Your tax-deductible gift provides scholarships for students who otherwise would not have opportunities to pursue careers in the architecture, construction, or engineering fields.

Mentor Spotlight:

Zach Pacheco
Structural Engineer,
Casco Bay Engineering

Thank you to Zach who is mentoring for his third year with Ace Mentor Program of Maine.



Zach Pacheco, Casco Bay Engineering, front right
2019 Pasta and Gumdrop Bridge Challenge

Educational Background:

"My guidance counselor in High School didn't tell me that Physics was a requirement for any engineering school. So I got declined from every engineering school I applied to, and was accepted into the explorations program at UMaine, after a phone call with the Dean of Civil Engineering explaining my situation, he enrolled me into the Civil Engineering program.

It was the best "mistake" I've made, I enjoyed going to school in Maine, and working in the state has been great as well."

Most Memorable Project:

"The Javits Convention Center expansion down in NYC. Being able to live in Maine while simultaneously working on a massive project down in NYC was an incredible experience. Being able to be apart of a large design team with so many different people was an incredible learning experience.

And on top of all of that, going to NYC for site visits was my favorite, seeing your work come to live in that city was amazing."

Advice to ACE students:

"You don't need to be married to the major you pick when you go to college. Civil Engineering was a starting point for me to see if I liked it. I just happened to like it so much to make a career out of it.

You can change your mind on a major or career path if you're not enjoying it as much as you thought."

Alfond Leaders

Become an Alfond Leader, Get \$60,000 to live and work in Maine!

The Harold Alfond Foundation and the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) offer student loan debt relief for Maine residents who are employed by a Maine-based business in the STEM-related fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. Applications will be accepted again in the spring.

Applicants will be recruited from across the nation, and current Maine residents are eligible and encouraged to apply. Applications are open until May 15, 2021.

Alfondleaders.org

Scholarship Opportunities

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